Part 2601: Professional Licensure

Part 2601 Chapter 1: Licensure Rules Governing the Practice of Allopathic Physicians, Osteopathic Physicians, Podiatrists, Physician Assistants, Radiologist Assistants and Acupuncturists

Rule 1.1 Scope. These rules apply to all applicants for licensure to practice allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, or acupuncture in the state of Mississippi and to all individuals practicing allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, or acupuncture within the state whether licensed or unlicensed.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 1.2 Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

- A. "Board" means the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.
- B. "Physician" means any person with a valid doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy or doctor of podiatry degree.
- C. "<u>LCME</u>" means the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the organization recognized by the American Medical Association for accrediting American medical schools.
- D. "ACGME" means Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education.
- E. "RCPS" means Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.
- F. "ABMS" means American Board of Medical Specialties.
- G. "AMA" means the American Medical Association.
- H. "FSMB" means the Federation of State Medical Boards.
- I. "<u>FLEX</u>" means the Federation Licensing Examination administered through the FSMB.
- J. "NBME" means National Board of Medical Examiners.
- K. "<u>USMLE</u>" means United States Medical Licensing Examination administered jointly through the FSMB and NBME.
- L. "SPEX" means the Special Purpose Examination administered through the FSMB.
- M. "NBOME" means the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

- N. "<u>COMLEX</u>" means the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination administered through the NBOME.
- O. "<u>COMVEX</u>" means the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose Examination administered through the NBOME.
- P. "AOA" means American Osteopathic Association.
- Q. "LMCC" means Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada.
- R. "APMA" means American Podiatric Medical Association.
- S. "ABPM" means American Board of Podiatric Medicine.
- T. "ABPS" means American Board of Podiatric Surgery.
- U. "FPMB" means Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards.
- V. "CPME" means Council on Podiatric Medical Education.
- W. "NBPME" means National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.
- X. "<u>APMLE</u>" means American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination administered through the NBPME.
- Y. "NPDB" means National Practitioner Data Bank.
- Z. "ECFMG" means the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.
- AA. "<u>Foreign Medical School</u>" means any medical college or college of osteopathic medicine located outside the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico.
- BB. "IMED" means International Medical Education Directory.
- CC. "Good Moral Character" as applied to an applicant, means that the applicant has not, prior to or during the pendency of an application to the Board, been guilty of any act, omission, condition or circumstance which would provide legal cause under Sections 73-25-29 or 73-25-83, Mississippi Code, for the suspension or revocation of medical licensure.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).*

Rule 1.3 Duty to Obtain License. Any physician, physician assistant, radiologist assistant or acupuncturist desiring to practice in this state must first obtain a license to do so by completing an application for licensure and submitting all requested documentation to the Board.

A physician, physician assistant, radiologist assistant or acupuncturist who is participating in or who has participated in an impaired professionals program as approved by the Board must document a two-year period of abstinence from any abusive use of mood-altering drugs, which shall include, but not be limited to, alcohol and all substances listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, Mississippi Code, from the date of completion of the program before he or she is eligible for a permanent license to practice medicine, podiatry or acupuncture in Mississippi.

Prior to the issuance of, or reinstatement of a license, any physician, physician assistant, radiologist assistant or acupuncturist who has not actively practiced for a three (3) year period shall be required to participate in a Board approved assessment program, clinical skills assessment program or re-entry program to assure post-licensure competency.

A physician, physician assistant, radiologist assistant, or acupuncturist shall be deemed to have not "actively" practiced medicine if during said three (3) year period the physician, physician assistant, radiologist assistant or acupuncturist has not treated any patients for remuneration, other than friends and family.

The preceding three paragraphs exclude those physicians, physician assistants, radiologist assistants or acupuncturists who perform charity work or work in research.

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Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2601 Chapter 2: Effect of Application

Rule 2.1 Effect of Application. The submission of an application for licensing to the Board shall constitute and operate as an authorization by the applicant to each educational institution at which the applicant has matriculated; each state or federal agency to which the applicant has applied for any license, permit, certificate or registration; each person, firm, corporation, clinic, office or institution by whom or with whom the applicant has been employed in the practice of medicine; each physician or other health care practitioner whom the applicant has consulted or seen for diagnosis or treatment and each professional organization or specialty board to which the applicant has applied for membership, to disclose and release to the Board any and all information and documentation concerning the applicant which the Board deems material to consideration of the application. With respect to any such information or documentation, the submission of an application for licensing to the Board shall equally constitute and operate as a consent by the applicant to disclosure and release of such information and documentation and as a waiver by the applicant of any privilege or right of confidentiality which the applicant would otherwise possess with respect thereto.

By submission of an application for licensing to the Board, an applicant shall be deemed to have given his or her consent to submit to physical or mental examinations if, when and in the manner so directed by the Board and to waive all objections as to the admissibility or disclosure of findings, reports or recommendations pertaining thereto on the grounds of privileges provided by law. The expense of any such examination shall be borne by the applicant.

The submission of an application for licensing to the Board shall constitute and operate as an authorization and consent by the applicant to the Board to disclose and release any information or documentation set forth in or submitted with the applicant's application or obtained by the Board from other persons, firms, corporations, associations or governmental entities pursuant to Part 2601, Chapter 2, Rule 2.1 paragraphs 1 and 2, to any person, firm, corporation, association or governmental entity having a lawful, legitimate and reasonable need therefore, including, without limitation, the medical licensing authority of any state; the FSMB; the AMA and any component state and county or parish medical society, including the Mississippi State Medical Association and component societies thereof; the AOA and any component state and county or parish osteopathic medical society, including the Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association and component societies thereof; the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; the Mississippi State Bureau of Narcotics; federal, state, county or municipal health and law enforcement agencies and the Armed Services. It is the intent and purpose of this rule to authorize release of only that licensure information not prohibited from release under Section 73-52-1, Mississippi Code.

Upon submission of an application for licensure to the Board, the applicant shall promptly provide all information deemed necessary by the Board to process the application, including, but not limited to certification of graduation from medical school, photograph of applicant, internship certification and birth certificate. The Board shall have a reasonable period of time within which to collect and assimilate all required documents and information necessary to issue a medical license. If, after submitting an application for medical license, an applicant has failed to respond or make a good faith effort to pursue licensure for a period of three (3) months, the application will be considered null and void, and applicant will have to reapply for licensure, including, but not limited to, all fees, application, and certifications. Additionally, if after one year from the date of receipt of application, applicant has not received a medical license, the application will be considered null and void, and applicant will have to reapply for licensure, including, but not limited to, all fees, application, and certifications. Under no circumstances will the one year time limit be waived.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Part 2601: Licensure and Examinations Professional Licensure

Part 2601 Chapter 1: Licensure Rules Governing the Practice of Medical Doctors Allopathic Physicians, Osteopathic Physicians, and Podiatrists, Physician Assistants, Radiologist Assistants and Acupuncturists

Rule 1.1 Scope. These rules apply to all applicants for licensure to practice <u>allopathic</u> medicine, osteopathic medicine, or podiatric medicine, or acupuncture in the state of Mississippi whether by examination or by endorsement, and to all individuals practicing <u>allopathic</u> medicine, osteopathic medicine, or acupuncture within the state whether licensed or unlicensed.

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Rule 1.2 Definitions. For the purpose of Part 2601 Chapters 1 through 4these rules, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

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- K. "<u>USMLE</u>" means United States Medical Licensing Examination administered jointly through the FSMB and NBME.
- L. "SPEX" means the Special Purpose Examination administered through the FSMB.

- M. "NBOME" means the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.
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- V. "CPME" means Council on Podiatric Medical Education.
- W. "NBPME" means National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.
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- CC. "Good Moral Character" as applied to an applicant, means that the applicant has not, prior to or during the pendency of an application to the Board, been guilty of any act, omission, condition or circumstance which would provide legal cause under Sections 73-25-29 or 73-25-83, Mississippi Code, for the suspension or revocation of medical licensure.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 1.3 Duty to Obtain License. Any physician, osteopathic physician, or podiatrist physician assistant, radiologist assistant or acupuncturist desiring to practice in this state must first obtain a license to do so by contacting the Mississippi State completing an application for licensure and submitting all requested documentation to the Board of Medical Licensure at its current address or website address.

The practitioner must complete an application and submit it to the Board in a manner prescribed by the Board. References submitted on the application are queried, as well as the American Medical, Osteopathic, or Podiatry Associations, Federation of State Medical Boards, National Practitioners Data Bank, other states in which the practitioner is or has been licensed, entities where the practitioner is or has been employed, and hospitals where the practitioner has held staff privileges.

A physician, osteopathic physician, or podiatrist physician assistant, radiologist assistant or acupuncturist who is participating in or who has participated in an impaired professionals/disabled doctors program as approved by the Board must document a two-year period of abstinence from any abusive use of mood-altering drugs, which shall include, but not be limited to, alcohol and all substances listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, Mississippi Code, from the date of completion of the program before he or she is eligible for a permanent license to practice medicine/podiatry medicine, podiatry or acupuncture in Mississippi.

Prior to the issuance of, or reinstatement of a license, any physician, osteopathic physician, or podiatrist physician assistant, radiologist assistant or acupuncturist who has not actively practiced for a three (3) year period shall be required to participate in a Board approved physician assessment program and/or, clinical skills assessment program or re-entry program to assure post-licensure competency.

A physician, osteopathic physician or podiatrist physician assistant, radiologist assistant, or acupuncturist shall be deemed to have not "actively" practiced medicine if during said three (3) year period the physician, osteopathic physician or podiatrist physician assistant, radiologist assistant or acupuncturist has not treated any patients for remuneration, other than friends and family.

The preceding three paragraphs exclude those physicians, osteopathic physicians, or podiatrists physician assistants, radiologist assistants or acupuncturists who perform charity work or work in research.

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Part 2601 Chapter 02: Licensure Requirements for the Practice of Medical Doctors and Osteopathic Physicians (Moving to Part 2605, Chapter 1)

Rule 2.1 Licensure by Examination.

- A. To qualify for admission by examination, an individual shall meet the following requirements, provided that the Board may admit any individual to the examination while reserving its right to deny licensure if that individual fails to meet all requirements for licensure subsequent to success or completion of the examination:
 - 1. Applicant must satisfy the Board that he or she is at least twenty one (21) years of age and of good moral character.
 - 2. Present a diploma from a reputable medical college or college of osteopathic medicine, subject to the following conditions:
 - i. If the degree is from a medical college or a college of osteopathic medicine in the United States or Puerto Rico, the medical college must be accredited at the time of graduation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), a Joint Committee of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the American Medical Association (AMA), or if a college of osteopathic medicine, must be accredited by the Professional Education Committee of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).
 - ii. If the degree is from a Canadian medical school, the school must be accredited at the time of graduation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and by the Committee on Accreditation for Canadian Medical Schools, as sponsored by the Canadian Medical Association and Association of Canadian Medical Colleges.
 - iii. If the degree is from a foreign medical school, an applicant must either (i) possess a valid certificate from the ECFMG or (ii) document successful completion of a Fifth Pathway program, as described below.
 - iv. Any diploma or other document required to be submitted to the Board by an applicant which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a certified translation thereof into English.
 - 3. Applicants for licensure by examination must present documentation of having completed at least one (1) year of postgraduate training in the United States accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or by the AOA; or training in Canada accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.
 - 4. Present certified copy of birth certificate or valid passport.
 - 5. Subject to the provisions of Part 2601, Rule 2.3, an applicant must successfully complete and pass all parts/steps of the FLEX or USMLE.
 - 6. Complete an application for medical license and submit it to the Board in the manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.

- 7. Submit fee prescribed by the Board; however, any fees related to permanent licensure may be deferred for applicants indicating a desire to practice medicine under a Temporary License or Limited License within the confines of an ACGME or AOA approved postgraduate training program pursuant to Part 2601, Chapter 4 of these rules.
- 8. Appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board, and submit for a criminal background check.
- B. A Fifth Pathway Program, as a prerequisite for licensure by examination pursuant to Part 2601, Rule 2.1, A.2.iii, will be considered on an individual basis. Students who have completed the academic curriculum in a foreign medical school and who have fulfilled the conditions set forth, may be offered the opportunity to substitute for an internship required by the foreign medical school, an academic year of supervised clinical training prior to entrance into the first year of ACGME or AOA approved postgraduate medical education. The supervised clinical training (Fifth Pathway) must be under the direction of a medical school accredited by the LCME. Fifth Pathway will be available to students who have fulfilled the following conditions:
- 1. Completed, in an accredited American college or university, undergraduate pre-medical work of the quality acceptable for matriculation in an accredited U.S. medical school.
- 2. Studied medicine at a medical school located outside the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada but which is recognized by the World Health Organization.
- 3. Completed all of the formal requirements of the foreign medical school except internship and/or social service.

The Board will accept for examination or licensure only those individuals completing Fifth Pathway Programs by December 31, 2009.

C. Prior to issuance of a permanent Mississippi medical license, a graduate of a foreign medical school who has successfully completed all other requirements of application for licensure by examination must present documentation of having completed at least three (3) years of ACGME approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-3 (1972, as amended).

Rule 2.2 Licensure by Reciprocity or Endorsements. The Board endorses, for the purpose of reciprocity, licenses to practice medicine obtained in most states by written examination prior to March 8, 1973. Subject to the provisions of Part 2601, Rule 2.3, all applicants for medical licensure by reciprocity who took the FLEX between March 8, 1973, and January 24, 1985, must have passed the FLEX taken in one three-day sitting with a weighted average of 75 or higher in order to obtain licensure in Mississippi. The Board will not accept scores of more than one administration of the FLEX which have been combined (factored) to provide a FLEX weighted average of 75 or higher. From and after January 24, 1985, an applicant for medical licensure by

reciprocity must have passed both Components I and II of the FLEX with a score of 75 to be considered the passing grade for each component. From and after June 1994, the Board shall endorse, for the purpose of reciprocity, licenses to practice medicine from applicants who have successfully taken Steps 1, 2 and 3 of the USMLE.

Those doctors of osteopathic medicine who graduated prior to June 1, 1973, and who make application for licensure by reciprocity with another state will be considered only if they took and passed the same written licensure examination given in that state at that time to graduates of medical schools. A statement to this effect will obtained by this Board from that licensing board.

The Board may affiliate with and recognize for the purpose of waiving examination and may grant licenses to Diplomates of the NBME on or after February 13, 1973, to Diplomates of the NBOME and licentiates of the Medical Council of Canada. If a Diplomate of the NBME or NBOME, the applicant must have a Certification of Endorsement from that Board submitted directly to the Board. If seeking endorsement with the Medical Council of Canada, the applicant must have a Certificate of Standing submitted directly to the Board.

The applicant must have the state board where the original license was obtained by examination submit a certified copy of the examination to the Board.

The Board may grant a license by reciprocity to a graduate of a foreign medical school who was licensed in another state by written examination prior to March 8, 1973, if he or she is certified by a board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties. A statement verifying that the applicant is currently certified must be submitted directly to the Board by the American Board of Medical Specialties Board. The applicant must comply with all other licensure requirements for foreign medical graduates.

In addition to the above requirements for licensure by reciprocity and/or endorsement, an individual shall meet the following requirements:

- A. Applicant must be twenty one (21) years of age and of good moral character.
- B. Present a diploma from a reputable medical college or college of osteopathic medicine, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. If the degree is from a medical college or a college of osteopathic medicine in the United States or Puerto Rico, the medical college must be accredited at the time of graduation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education LCME, a Joint Committee of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the American Medical Association or the College of Osteopathic Medicine must be accredited by the American Osteopathic Association.
 - 2. If the degree is from a Canadian medical school, the school must be accredited at the time of graduation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education LCME and by the Committee on Accreditation for Canadian Medical Schools, as sponsored by the Canadian Medical Association and Association of Canadian Medical Colleges.

- 3. If the degree is from a foreign medical school, an applicant must either (i) possess a valid certificate from the ECFMG or (ii) document successful completion of a Fifth Pathway program, as described in Part 2601, Rule 2.1.B, and be currently board certified by a specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association.
- 4. Any diploma or other document required to be submitted to the Board by an applicant which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a certified translation thereof into English.
- C. If a graduate from a medical college or college of osteopathic medicine in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico, applicant must present documentation of having completed at least one (1) year of postgraduate training in the United States accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education ACGME or by the AOA; or training in Canada accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.
- D. If a graduate from a foreign medical school, applicant must present documentation of having completed either:
 - 1. three (3) or more years of ACGME approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons; or
 - 2. at least one (1) year of ACGME approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, be currently board certified by a specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association and must have approval by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Board.
- E. An applicant who otherwise possesses all of the qualifications for licensure by reciprocity/endorsement, but has not taken a medical proficiency examination or licensure examination within ten (10) years prior to filing his or her application, must pass the Special Purpose Examination SPEX* as administered by and under auspices of the Board, unless the applicant:
 - 1. Submits satisfactory proof of current certification by an American Board of Medical Specialties ABMS and participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC) or American Osteopathic Association approved specialty board; or
 - 2. Submits proof that the applicant's sole purpose for seeking licensure is to serve as the Dean, Chairman of the Department or Faculty of the University of Mississippi

SPEX (SPECIAL PURPOSE EXAMINATION) is a cognitive examination assisting licensing jurisdictions in their assessment of current competence requisite for general, undifferentiated medical practice by physicians who hold or have held a valid license in a U.S. jurisdiction. SPEX is made available through the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Incorporated.

School of Medicine. In such case, a license shall remain in effect so long as Licensee is a member of the faculty of the University School of Medicine.

- F. Present certified copy of birth certificate or valid passport.
- G. Complete an application for medical license and submit it to the Board in a manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.
- H. Submit fee prescribed by the Board.
- I. Appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Board, successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board, and submit for a criminal background check.

Graduates of foreign medical schools seeking licensure by reciprocity or endorsement via Fifth Pathway Programs will be considered on an individual basis subject to those requirements set forth in Part 2601, Rule 2.1.B.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 2.3 Licensure Examinations. For the purpose of licensing by examination and reciprocity, the Board recognizes three (3) separate and distinct examinations, to wit: The examinations administered by the NBME, FLEX and USMLE. The Board adopted the FLEX as a method of licensure by examination on March 8, 1973. Prior to this date, the Board administered a written examination and endorsed, for the purposes of reciprocity, licenses to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine obtained in most states by written examination. A separate discussion of each examination and this Board's requirements for the purpose of licensure is as follows:

A. FLEX

- 1. The Board adopted the Federation Licensing Examination FLEX as the method of licensure by examination on March 8, 1973. The last regular administration of the FLEX was December 1993. The Board will recognize FLEX as a valid medical licensing examination subject to all requirements heretofore and hereinafter set forth.
- 2. Prior to January 24, 1985, the FLEX examination was divided into three components:

Day I--Basic Science

Day II--Clinical Science

Day III--Clinical Competence

In order to pass this examination, each applicant must have obtained a FLEX weighted average of 75 with Day I given a value of 1/6 of the entire examination, Day II given a value of 2/6, and Day III given a value of 3/6. The Board may make an exemption to the weighted average of 75 if the applicant has completed an

approved residency program and is currently certified by a specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association.

After January 24, 1985, the Board has approved administration of a new FLEX examination with a different design from that administered since 1973. This examination is a three-day examination, and is comprised of two components. Component I consists of one and one half (1½) days and judges the readiness of a physician to practice medicine in a supervised setting. Component II consists of one and one half (1½) days and judges the readiness of a physician to practice independently. A score of 75 is considered a passing grade for each component. If taken separately, Component I must be passed before taking Component II.

3. An applicant has seven (7) years in which to pass both components of the FLEX. An applicant is required to repeat only that component failed. A candidate who is unsuccessful in passing the FLEX after three (3) attempts will be required to take one additional year of post graduate training approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) before being eligible to take the FLEX again. Following completion of the year of postgraduate training, applicant may be allowed three (3) additional attempts to pass the FLEX.

B. USMLE

- 1. The Board adopted the United States Medical Licensing Examination USMLE as an additional method of licensure by examination on September 16, 1993. The USMLE replaced FLEX and the NBME certification examinations during a phase in period from 1992 to 1994. Unlike the three day (two-component) FLEX, USMLE is a three step examination that consists of three two day examinations, Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3. Each step is complementary to the other; no step can stand alone in the assessment of readiness for medical licensure. Unlike the FLEX, which must be taken upon or after graduation from medical school most applicants will take Step 1 and 2 of the USMLE during their medical school years. Step 3 will be taken after graduation.
- 2. To be eligible for Step 1 or Step 2 of the USMLE, an applicant must be an officially enrolled medical student or a graduate of a United States, Puerto Rican or Canadian medical school accredited by the LCME or the AOA, or an officially enrolled medical student or a graduate of a foreign medical school and eligible for examination by the ECFMG for a certificate.
- 3. To be eligible to take Step 3 of USMLE, an applicant must (a) complete an application for a Mississippi medical license and (b) meet all other requirements for licensure, as provided in Part 2601, Rule 2.1.
- 4. A score of 75 is necessary to successfully pass each step of the USMLE.

5. USMLE Steps 1, 2 and 3 must be passed within a seven-year time period beginning when the examinee passes his or her first Step. The Board, at its discretion, may waive this requirement based on extraordinary circumstances. The Board encourages all applicants to take Step 3 of the USMLE as soon as possible following receipt of the M.D. or D.O. degree. An applicant has seven (7) years in which to pass all steps of the USMLE. A candidate who is unsuccessful in passing Step 3 after three (3) attempts will be required to take one (1) additional year of ACGME-approved postgraduate training before being eligible to take Step 3 again. Following completion of the year of postgraduate training, the applicant may be allowed three (3) additional attempts to pass Step 3 of the USMLE.

C. NBME or NBOME

The Board recognizes for the purpose of reciprocity and waiving examination, diplomates of the NBME and on or after February 13, 1973, diplomates of the NBOME. Both examinations are administered in three (3) parts, Parts I, II and III. Applicants must have the NBME or NBOME submit a certificate evidencing successful completion of the examination directly to the Board.

D. EXAM COMBINATIONS

Now that the FLEX and examinations administered by the NBME have been phased out, the Board will accept passing scores for the following combinations of the FLEX, NBME and USMLE examinations:

EXAMINATION SEQUENCE	ACCEPTABLE COMBINATIONS
NBME Part I plus NBME Part II plus NBME Part III	NBME Part I or USMLE Step 1 plus NBME Part II or USMLE Step 2 plus NBME Part III or USMLE Step 3
FLEX Component I plus FLEX Component II	FLEX Component I plus USMLE Step 3 or NBME Part I or USMLE Step 1 plus NBME Part II or USMLE Step 2 plus FLEX Component II
USMLE Step 1 plus USMLE Step 2 plus USMLE Step 3	

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Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Part 2601 Chapter 3: Licensure Rules Governing the Practice of Podiatrists (Moving to Part 2605, Chapter 2)

Rule 3.1 Licensure by Examination. To qualify for admission by examination, an individual shall meet the following requirements, provided that the Board may admit any individual to the examination while reserving its right to deny licensure if that individual fails to meet all requirements for licensure subsequent to success or completion of the examination:

- A. Applicant must satisfy the Board that he or she is at least twenty one (21) years of age and of good moral character.
- B. Applicant must have had at least four (4) years of high school and be graduate of same; he or she shall have at least one (1) year pre-podiatry college education.
- C. Present a diploma from a college of podiatric medicine recognized by the Board as being in good standing, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. Any diploma or other document required to be submitted to the Board by an applicant which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a certified translation thereof into English.
 - 2. No college of podiatry or chiropody shall be accredited by the Board as a college of good standing which does not require for graduation a course of study of at least four (4) years (eight and one-half [8½] months each) and be recognized by the Council on Education of the American Podiatry Association at the time of graduation.
- D. Present certified copy of birth certificate or valid passport.
- E. Successfully take an examination for podiatrists. The applicant shall be examined in the following subjects: anatomy, histology, physiology, chemistry, pharmacy, materia medica, therapeutics, bacteriology, pathology, surgery, dermatology, neurology, physical therapy, diagnosis and roentgenology, orthopedics, chiropody and chiropodial surgery, limited in their scope to the treatment of the human foot and leg, and if found qualified shall receive a license. The minimum of requirements for license shall be a general average of seventy five percent (75%) of all the subjects involved, provided that a grade of not less than sixty percent (60%) be made on any one (1) subject or branch given in the examination held. However, applicants are encouraged to take the examinations given by the National Board of Podiatry Examiners.
- F. Complete an application for podiatry license and submit it to the Board in the manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.
- G. Submit fee prescribed by the Board.

H. Appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-27-5 (1972, as amended).

Rule 3.2 Licensure by Reciprocity or Endorsement. If the original license of an applicant was obtained by state board examination, the applicant must have the state board where original license was obtained by written examination submit a certified copy of the examination directly to the Board.

The Board may affiliate with and recognize for the purpose of waiving examination and may grant licenses to Diplomates of the National Board of Podiatric Examiners. If a Diplomate of the National Board of Podiatric Examiners, the applicant must have certification of endorsement from that Board submitted directly to the Board.

In addition to the above requirements for licensure by reciprocity and/or endorsement, an individual shall meet the following requirements:

- A. Applicant must be twenty one (21) years of age, and of good moral character.
- B. Applicant must have had at least four (4) years high school and be graduate of same; he or she shall have at least one (1) year pre-podiatry college education.
- C. Present a diploma from a college of podiatric medicine recognized by the Board as being in good standing, subject to the following conditions.
 - 1. Any diploma or other document required to be submitted to the Board by an applicant which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a certified translation thereof into English.
 - 2. No college of podiatry or chiropody shall be accredited by the Board as a college of good standing which does not require for graduation a course of study of at least four (4) years (eight and one-half [8½] months each) and be recognized by the Council on Education of the American Podiatry Association at the time of graduation.
- D. Present proof of completion of one (1) year of APMA approved postgraduate training in the U.S. or Canada. If the podiatrist graduated from an accredited college of podiatric medicine prior to 1990, has continuously practiced for the past ten (10) years and has held unrestricted license(s) to practice podiatry, the one (1) year of APMA approved postgraduate training may be waived at the Board's discretion.
- E. Present certified copy of birth certificate or valid passport.
- F. Complete an application for podiatry license and submit it to the Board in the manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.
- G. Submit fee prescribed by the Board.

H. Appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, and successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board.

Amended March 8, 2007. Amended May 17, 2007. Amended January 24, 2008. Amended November 20, 2008.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Part 2601 Chapter 4: Temporary Licensure (Moving to Part 2605 Chapter 3)

Rule 4.1 Temporary Licensure.

- A. Mississippi temporary medical licenses may be issued to applicants for licensure in Mississippi only after completion of an application for licensure by (a) examination; (b) reciprocity with another state; or (c) endorsement of the National Board of Medical Examiners, National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, or the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) under the following conditions:
 - 1. A restricted temporary medical license may be issued upon proper completion of an application for medical licensure by examination or by reciprocity/endorsement to an applicant who otherwise meets all requirements for licensure except completion of the postgraduate training requirements provided in Part 26015, Chapter 21, Rule 21.1.A.3 and successful completion of Step 3 of USMLE as provided in Part 26015, Chapter 21, Rule 21.3.B.3. Such restricted temporary license shall entitle the physician to practice medicine only within the confines of an ACGME or AOA approved postgraduate training program in this state and may be renewed annually for the duration of the postgraduate training for a period not to exceed five (5) vents.
 - 2. An unrestricted temporary medical license may be issued in an exceptional case to an applicant seeking licensure by reciprocity or by endorsement. Such an unrestricted temporary license shall remain valid only for a period of time sufficient for applicant to submit required documents and credentials to complete an application for permanent licensure, but in no instance to exceed 30 days.
- B. The State Board of Medical Licensure may issue a temporary license to practice medicine for a period not to exceed 90 days at a youth camp licensed by the State Department of Health to any nonresident physician who is not licensed to practice medicine in this state or to any resident physician who is retired from the active practice of medicine in this state while serving as a volunteer at such camp.
 - 1. Nonresident Physician
 - i. must have favorable references from two physicians with whom the applicant has worked or trained within the last year;

- ii. must have written certification from the medical licensing authority in the state in which he or she holds a currently valid license to practice medicine; and
 iii. must submit fee prescribed by the Board.
- 2. Retired Resident Physician
 - i. must be in good standing with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, and
 - ii. must submit fee as prescribed by the Board.
- C. The State Board of Medical Licensure may issue a temporary license to practice medicine to physicians who have been admitted for treatment in a drug and/or alcohol treatment program approved by the Board, or who are enrolled in the fellowship of addictionology in the Mississippi State Medical Association Professionals Health Program; provided that, a nonresident applicant shall hold a valid (unrestricted) license to practice medicine in another state and the medical licensing authority of that state shall certify to the Board of Medical Licensure in writing that such license is in good standing.
 - 1. A temporary license issued under this rule shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days but may be renewed every ninety (90) days for the duration of the fellowship or treatment program. If the applicant discontinues treatment or leaves the fellowship program, the temporary license shall automatically become null and void. The Board may rescind or extend this temporary license for cause.
 - 2. A temporary license issued to a physician under this rule shall be limited to the outpatient phase of the treatment program or the time necessary to complete the fellowship of addictionology. The physician to whom the license is issued may administer treatment and care within the scope of the drug and/or alcohol treatment program or fellowship in an institutional setting and shall not otherwise practice in this state. A physician licensed under this rule shall not apply to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for a controlled substances registration certificate and must be under the supervision of another physician holding a valid and unrestricted license in this state.
 - 3. A physician who has had his or her permanent license to practice in this state revoked or suspended by the Board due to habitual personal use of intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs, or any other drug having addiction forming or addiction sustaining liability, may be granted a temporary license pursuant to this rule provided the temporary license is not in conflict with the prior disciplinary order of the Board rendered against the physician.
 - 4. The applicant applying for a ninety (90) day temporary license to practice while in treatment in an approved drug and/or alcohol treatment program or while enrolled in the fellowship of addictionology shall pay a fee prescribed by the Board (not to exceed \$50.00) to the Board. No additional fee shall be charged for an extension.

Mississippi temporary medical licenses are issued under the condition that the licensee shall not apply to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for a Controlled Substances Registration Certificate.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 4.2 Limited Institutional Licensure.

- A. Pursuant to Section 73-25-23, Mississippi Code, a limited institutional license is available only to graduates of foreign medical schools who are employed or are being considered for employment to practice medicine in one or more Mississippi state-supported institutions located in the same county.
- B. It is understood that graduates of foreign medical schools holding a limited institutional license, and who are employed by and enrolled in an approved ACGME or AOA postgraduate training program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, shall be authorized to participate in any postgraduate educational program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, or any of its affiliated training program sites.
- C. An application for limited institutional licensure may be obtained only upon the written request of the director of the state supported institution which has employed or is considering employing a graduate of a foreign medical school to practice medicine.
- D. A limited institutional license may be issued for a period of one (1) year for practice in a particular institution after a review and favorable recommendations by a majority of the following:
 - 1. President or Secretary, Board of Trustees of Institution
 - 2. Director of Institution
 - 3. President or Secretary, Local Chartered Medical Society in area in which institution is located
 - 4. Member, Board of Trustees, Mississippi State Medical Association in area in which institution is located
 - 5. Member, Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure from district in which institution is located
 - 6. Executive Officer, Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure
- E. In addition to the above requirements for a limited institutional license, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:
 - 1. Must be at least twenty one (21) years of age and of good moral character.
 - 2. Must present original diploma from a reputable medical college or reputable college of osteopathic medicine.
 - 3. Must submit certified copy of valid certificate from the ECFMG or its successor.
 - 4. Must have favorable references from two (2) physicians licensed in the United States with whom the applicant has worked or trained.
 - 5. Must submit an application completed in every detail with recent passport type photograph.

- 6. Must submit fee prescribed by the Board.
- 7. Must appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board.
- F. Pursuant to Section 73-25-23, Mississippi Code, a limited institutional license must be renewed annually, after such review as the State Board of Medical Licensure considers necessary. A graduate of a foreign medical school so licensed may hold such limited institutional license no longer than five (5) years; provided, however, that any graduate of a foreign medical school so licensed and employed by any state institution on January 1, 1981, shall not be subject to the five year limitation created by statute. Based upon the above law:
 - 1. The limited institutional licenses of graduates of foreign medical schools so licensed and employed by a state institution on January 1, 1981, shall be renewable annually based upon the favorable recommendation of the director of the institution by which the licensee is employed.
 - 2. The limited institutional licenses of graduates of foreign medical schools so licensed and employed by a state institution from January 2, 1981, through June 30, 1983, shall be renewable annually for five years, beginning July 1, 1983, based upon the favorable recommendation of the director of the institution by which the licensee is employed.
 - 3. The limited institutional licenses of graduates of foreign medical schools so licensed and employed by a state institution on and after July 1, 1983, shall be renewable annually based upon the favorable recommendation of the director of the institution by which the licensee is employed. A graduate of a foreign medical school so licensed may hold such limited institutional license no longer than five (5) years.
- G. Since a limited institutional license is issued to a graduate of a foreign medical school for employment to practice medicine in a particular Mississippi state supported institution, or institutions located in the same county, such limited institutional license shall become void immediately upon termination of employment of the licensee at the institution, or institutions, at which practice is authorized under the license.
- H. An annual renewal fee shall be prescribed by the Board.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 4.3 Temporary Training License for Out of State Residents. An individual enrolled in an out-of-state postgraduate training program wishing to rotate through an ACGME or AOA approved training program within Mississippi, shall not be required to obtain a restricted temporary license provided the rotation lasts no longer than four (4) weeks. However, the individual must submit the following to the Board:

A. A completed information form which has been supplied by the Board.

- B. A letter from the physician's postgraduate training program stating that he or she is going to be participating in a rotation in Mississippi and the duration.
- C. A letter from the training program in Mississippi stating the physician will be training with them and the duration.
- D. Verification of a current license (limited or training), permit, or letter from the state in which the individual is enrolled in a training program.
- E. A licensure fee in the amount of \$50.

The individual may not participate in the Mississippi training program until a valid training license has been issued. The license will be effective the date the individual is to begin the Mississippi rotation and will become null and void the day the individual completes the rotation.

If during the duration of the training, it is determined that the physician may stay longer than four (4) weeks, the temporary training license may be renewed for an additional four (4) weeks. Under no circumstances will the license be renewed after eight (8) weeks. An individual anticipating on rotating through a Mississippi training program for a period longer than eight (8) weeks shall be required to obtain a Restricted Temporary Medical License.

The Board reserves the right to deny issuance of a temporary training license as provided herein based on any of the statutory grounds as enumerated in Mississippi Code, Sections 73-25-29 and 73-25-83.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 4.4 Short-Term Training for Out-of-State Physicians. The Board is aware that there are Mississippi physicians assisting out of state physicians in expanding professional knowledge and expertise by offering short-term training to the out-of-state physician. The Mississippi physician wishing to offer this training to the unlicensed out-of-state physician(s) must have their short-term training program approved by the Board.

The Mississippi physician must submit a detailed letter stating the purpose of the short term training program, the objectives of the course, approximately how long the course will last, and any supporting documentation that would assist the Board in determining the approval status of the program.

An individual wishing to attend the Board approved short term training is not required to obtain a permanent Mississippi medical license; however, the individual must submit the following to the Board:

- A. A completed information form which has been supplied by the Board.
- B. A letter from the mentor of the Board approved training program stating that the applicant is going to be participating in the short term training program and the duration.

- C. Verification of a current unrestricted permanent license from the state in which the individual is currently practicing.
- D. A permit fee in the amount of \$25.

The individual may not participate in the short term training program until a valid training permit has been issued. The permit will be effective the date the individual is to begin the training and will become null and void the day the individual completes the training.

A short-term training permit is typically valid for two to three days; however, it can be issued up to fifteen (15) days. If during the duration of the training, it is determined that the physician may stay longer than fifteen (15) days, the temporary training permit may be renewed for an additional (15) days. Under no circumstances will the permit be renewed after thirty (30) days. An individual anticipating training for a period longer than thirty (30) days will be required to obtain a permanent Mississippi medical license.

Amended November 19, 1998. Amended March 8, 2007. Amended May 17, 2007. Amended July 12, 2007. Amended September 20, 2007.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Part 2601 Chapter 52: Effect of Application (Moving to Part 2601 Chapter 2)

Rule 2.1 Effect of Application. The submission of an application for licensing to the Board shall constitute and operate as an authorization by the applicant to each educational institution at which the applicant has matriculated; each state or federal agency to which the applicant has applied for any license, permit, certificate or registration; each person, firm, corporation, clinic, office or institution by whom or with whom the applicant has been employed in the practice of medicine; each physician or other health care practitioner whom the applicant has consulted or seen for diagnosis or treatment and each professional organization or specialty board to which the applicant has applied for membership, to disclose and release to the Board any and all information and documentation concerning the applicant which the Board deems material to consideration of the application. With respect to any such information or documentation, the submission of an application for licensing to the Board shall equally constitute and operate as a consent by the applicant to disclosure and release of such information and documentation and as a waiver by the applicant of any privilege or right of confidentiality which the applicant would otherwise possess with respect thereto.

By submission of an application for licensing to the Board, an applicant shall be deemed to have given his or her consent to submit to physical or mental examinations if, when and in the manner so directed by the Board and to waive all objections as to the admissibility or disclosure of findings, reports or recommendations pertaining thereto on the grounds of privileges provided by law. The expense of any such examination shall be borne by the applicant.

The submission of an application for licensing to the Board shall constitute and operate as an authorization and consent by the applicant to the Board to disclose and release any information or documentation set forth in or submitted with the applicant's application or obtained by the Board from other persons, firms, corporations, associations or governmental entities pursuant to Part 2601, Chapter 2, Rule 2.1 paragraphs 1 and 2, to any person, firm, corporation, association or governmental entity having a lawful, legitimate and reasonable need therefore, including, without limitation, the medical licensing authority of any state; the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Incorporated FSMB; the American Medical Association AMA and any component state and county or parish medical society, including the Mississippi State Medical Association and component societies thereof; the AOA and any component state and county or parish osteopathic medical society, including the Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association and component societies thereof; the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; the Mississippi State Bureau of Narcotics; federal, state, county or municipal health and law enforcement agencies and the Armed Services. It is the intent and purpose of this rule to authorize release of only that licensure information not prohibited from release under Section 73-52-1, Mississippi Code.

Upon submission of an application for licensure to the Board, the applicant shall promptly provide all information deemed necessary by the Board to process the application, including, but not limited to letters of recommendation, certification of graduation from medical school, photograph of applicant, internship certificate certification and birth certificate. The Board shall have a reasonable period of time within which to collect and assimilate all required documents and information necessary to issue a medical license. If, after submitting an application for medical license, an applicant has failed to respond or make a good faith effort to pursue licensure for a period of three (3) months, the application will be considered null and void, and applicant will have to reapply for licensure, including, but not limited to, all fees, application, and certifications, and references. Additionally, if after one year from the date of receipt of application, applicant has not received a medical license, the application will be considered null and void, and applicant will have to reapply for licensure, including, but not limited to, all fees, application, and certifications, and references. Under no circumstances will the one year time limit be waived.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).*

Part 2601 Chapter 6: The Practice by Unlicensed Nonresident Physicians (Moving to Part 2605 Chapter 5)

Rule 6.1 Scope. This regulation shall apply to all individuals who practice or who seek to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in the state of Mississippi pursuant to authority granted in Mississippi Code, Section 73-25-19.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 6.2 Purpose. Pursuant to Mississippi Code, Section 73-25-19, non-resident physicians, not holding a license in the state of Mississippi, shall not be authorized to practice medicine in this state under any circumstances after remaining in the state for five (5) days, except when called in consultation by a licensed physician residing in this state. To implement its responsibility to protect the public, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure shall monitor those non-resident physicians entering into this state to practice medicine pursuant to Section 73-25-19.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 6.3 Notification to Board Required. Regardless of the number of days of anticipated practice, a non-resident physician not holding a license in the state of Mississippi shall not be authorized to practice medicine in this state under any circumstances, unless the following conditions have been satisfied:

The currently licensed Mississippi physician who needs consultation or assistance must notify the Board in writing of his or her request to have a non-resident physician practice in this state, setting forth (i) the identity of the non-resident unlicensed physician, (ii) a statement as to the purpose for the assistance/consultation, (iii) the location and address of the anticipated practice, and (iv) anticipated duration of practice.

Except in cases of emergencies, the above notification must be submitted to the Board at least seven (7) working days prior to the non-resident unlicensed physician entering into the state.

The non-resident unlicensed physician shall submit to the Board written proof of licensure status in good standing from another state or jurisdiction.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 6.4 Intent. It is the intent and purpose of this regulation to encourage Mississippi licensed physicians to utilize the services of competent and well trained non-resident unlicensed physicians on an as needed basis. However, where it is anticipated that the services of the non-resident physicians will be utilized on a routine basis, that is, where the non-resident physicians services will be utilized more than twice during any one year period of time, permanent licensure shall be required.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 6.5 Exclusion. This regulation shall not apply to any non-resident physician who holds a temporary license to practice medicine at a youth camp issued under the provisions of Mississippi Code, Sections 75-74-8 and 73-25-17.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 6.6 Effective Date of Regulation. The above rules pertaining to the practice by unlicensed nonresident physicians shall become effective August 22, 2002.

Amended October 19, 2002

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Part 2601 Chapter 7: Expedited Licensure (Moving to Part 2605 Chapter 4)

Rule 7.1 Military Applicants.

- A. Pursuant to MS Code Ann. Section 73-50-1, the Board of Medical Licensure is authorized to issue an expedited license to a military-trained applicant to allow the applicant to lawfully practice medicine in Mississippi. In order to receive the expedited license, the following requirements must be satisfied:
 - 1. Complete an application for medical license and submit it to the Board in the manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.
 - 2. Submit documentation that applicant has been awarded a military occupational specialty.
 - 3. Submit documentation of completion of a military program of training.
 - 4. Submit verification of a completed licensing examination as described in Rule 2.3.
 - 5. Have two references submit letters regarding applicant's performance in the practice of medicine.
 - 6. Submit verification that at least two of the past five years preceding the date of submission of the application applicant has engaged in the active practice of medicine.
 - 7. Submit certification that applicant has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license to practice medicine in Mississippi at the time the act was committed.
 - 8. Appear for a personal interview in the office of the Board, successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board, and submit for a criminal background check.
 - 9. Submit licensure fee prescribed by the Board.
- B. Pursuant to MS Code Ann. Section 73-50-1, the Board of Medical Licensure is authorized to issue a license to a military spouse to allow the military spouse to lawfully practice medicine in Mississippi. In order to receive the expedited license, the following requirements must be satisfied:
 - 1. Complete an application for medical license and submit it to the Board in the manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.
 - 2. Submit certification of a current license from another jurisdiction, in which that jurisdiction's requirements for licensure are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure of the Board.
 - 3. Submit verification that at least two of the past five years preceding the date of submission of the application applicant has engaged in the active practice of medicine.

- 4. Submit certification that applicant has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license to practice medicine in Mississippi at the time the act was committed.
- 5. Submit verification that applicant is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the agency that had jurisdiction to issue the license.
- 6. Submit licensure fee prescribed by the Board.
- 7. Appear for a personal interview in the office of the Board, successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board, and submit for a criminal background check.
- C. All relevant experience of a military service member in the discharge of official duties or, for a military spouse, all relevant experience, including full-time and part-time experience, regardless of whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, shall be credited in the calculation of years of practice in the practice of medicine as required under subsection A or B of this section.
- D. A nonresident licensed under this section shall be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as required of a resident licensed by the Board.
- E. The Board may issue a temporary practice permit to a military-trained applicant or military spouse licensed in another jurisdiction while the military-trained applicant or military spouse is satisfying the requirements for licensure under subsection A or B of this section if that jurisdiction has licensure standards substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure of the Board. The military-trained applicant or military spouse may practice under the temporary permit until a license is granted or until a notice to deny a license is issued in accordance with rules adopted by the Board.

Adopted July 10, 2014.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-19 (1972, as amended).